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# UNITED RELIGIOUS FRONT NEEDED

*A Defender Hour Broadcast... By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod*

**I** SHALL emphasize on this broadcast the necessity — the absolute necessity of the great religions of the world developing a united front against the forces of international atheism.

Every religion on the face of the earth is threatened. This opposition is not merely academic, confined to the realm of the theoretical. It is being translated into physical fact. Wherever the hammer and sickle flies, there religious people, regardless of individual beliefs, are persecuted.

Their churches, cathedrals and mosques are confiscated. Their memberships are infiltrated. Their organizations and societies are broken up. Their leaders are exiled, sent to prison or put to death.

Lunacharsky stated the official attitude of the red hordes of atheism toward religion — whether Protestantism, Catholicism, Mohammedanism or Buddhism when he wrote these words for a Moscow newspaper (and I quote):

"We hate Christianity and all Christians. Even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies. They teach brotherly love. What we want is hatred. We must know how to hate, for only thus can we conquer the world."

I repeat, international atheism makes no discrimination between the Church of the Christian, the Mosque of the Mohammedan, or the temple of the Hindu or Buddhist. It is motivated by blind hatred, demonic hatred, for all religion.

The situation calls for a united religious front, a holy crusade. Religion is on the defensive. Atheism has taken the initiative. Religion must assume the aggressive.

Survival demands a holy war in which the great religions of the world shall mobilize and develop a united front against a common enemy — regardless of their differences of belief, and varied theological interpretations.

I give you a verse of Scripture: "In the name of our God we will set up our banners." Psalm 20, verse 25.

I give you a hymn, the official hymn of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, chosen when the organization was born in the State of Kansas 27 years ago.

*Faith of our fathers, living still,  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
When e'er we hear that glorious word.*

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
We will be true to Thee, till death.*

*Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,  
Were still in heart and conscience free,  
How sweet would be their children's fate,  
If they, like them, could die for Thee.*

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
We will be true to Thee, till death.*

The facts are clear. They cannot be avoided. They must be faced. The situation calls for a new alignment of the organizations that govern the religious thought of mankind.

Christ-hating, God-defying groups, operating at international levels, have planned a religious blackout for the human race. We must organize against them.

We think of Cardinal Mindszenty, hunted, hounded, harassed in Hungary. Thrown into prison. Beaten, tortured, given secret drugs, his personality bisected, left suspended for a time, put together again according to a psychological formula, an entirely different, utterly helpless person.

We think of the Protestant preachers of Bulgaria, misrepresented, maligned

and mastered by the secret police, forced to confess to crimes they could not possibly have committed.

We think of Robert Fetter, pastor of a large church in Riga, Latvia, swallowed by the red underground, murdered outside the city, his wife and beautiful daughter shipped off to a Soviet prison camp to the prey of men possessed of animal passions.

This is the trail of the serpent. The trail of religious persecution. Antichrist is on the march. Religious people will hang together now, or they will hang separately a little later. If we are smart we will develop a united front.

Of course we cannot ignore the fact that different viewpoints exist between different religious groups. But if religion is to survive the attacks of atheism, conflicting ideas and historical frictions will have to be minimized.

Each religious group needs to develop a higher sense of appreciation for the others. Expediency demands that this be done. Then we can come back to our debates and differences at a later time. The present hour calls for united action.

Let me illustrate what I mean.

During the recent disorders in Egypt and other parts of the Near East, millions of Americans came to place a higher estimate than before upon the Moslem population scattered along the borders of Russia.

We waited with bated breath wondering what hour Soviet armies might try to march across Iran, to strike toward the Mediterranean Sea and Suez Canal. The day came when a clandestine radio broadcast was made from Moscow to Kurdish tribesmen in northern Iran, telling them to prepare to take up arms against their government. This was regarded as a bad omen by observers everywhere.

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## CHRISTIANITY DEFINED

By Dr. Samuel G. Craig

IT MAY SEEM strange that at this late date, nigh two thousand years after the origin of Christianity, men should be debating the question, What is Christianity? Be that as it may, such is the case.

What is more, even among those calling themselves Christians, widely divergent answers are being given and passionately defended.

If these answers differed only as regards details, that would merely be what might be expected in view of the fact that even the most erudite of men know only in part. They differ, however, not merely as varieties but rather as species or even *genera* differ.

Christianity may be worthless, even harmful, or it may have a value compared with which the rest of earth's treasures are little more than rubbish. Nonetheless, we cannot appraise it even tentatively as long as we are in the dark as to what it is. Christianity may rightly claim our allegiance both as a system of thought and as a way of life, or it may be the extreme of folly to endeavor to bring our thoughts and activities into harmony with its demands. But certainly we are not qualified to pass judgment on the validity of these claims unless we have a certain amount of knowledge of what it is.

This was the primary question at issue between Paul and the Judaizers in the first century, between Irenaeus and the Gnostics in the second century, between Athanasius and Arius in the fourth century, between Augustine and Pelagius in the fifth century, between the Reformers and the Romanists in the sixteenth century, between the Evangelicals and the Deists in the eighteenth century, just as it is the primary question at issue today between the Conservatives and the Liberals or Modernists.

Our generation in debating this question is merely doing what every active, thinking generation for the past nineteen hundred years has been doing, and what similar generations that may follow us will do. But while our generation does not differ in kind in this respect from the generations that have preceded us, it does differ much in degree.

It surpasses previous generations both in the number and diversity of the things called Christianity, and the extent to which they are at variance with each other.

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### THE RIOT OF DEFINITIONS

The number and diversity of the things called Christianity are truly amazing. Their number and diversity are such that it is even questionable whether the word "Christianity," as currently used, has any definite meaning.

Some mean by Christianity, the redemptive supernaturalism of the Bible. Others identify it with morality or, more narrowly, with morality of a Christ-like sort. Still others identify it with altruism or the sentiment of loyalty to the community. Closely related to those just mentioned are those who identify it with sacrificial good will creative of fellowship or brotherhood.

Some commend a Christianity without miracles; others tell us that a Christianity without miracles is just no Christianity at all. Some commend a non-doctrinal Christianity; others tell us that, since Christianity is an historical religion and its doctrines the interpretation of the facts that lie at its basis, a non-doctrinal Christianity is inconceivable.

Some commend a Christless Christianity or at least a Christianity to which Christ Himself is not indispensable; others tell us that Christianity and Christ are one to such a degree that to speak of a Christless Christianity is to be guilty of a contradiction in terms — that one with equal warrant could speak of wooden iron or a square circle.

In former generations the issue, was, for the most part at least, between more or less adequate and more or less inadequate answers to the question, What is Christianity? At the present time, the issue is in large part between answers which involve the very right of Christianity as understood by men of

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former days, despite their differences, to exist at all.

Christianity as it has been generally understood is engaged in a life and death struggle for its very existence. It is being attacked all along the line. It is no longer subject to merely flank attacks — attacks which, if they had proved successful, would have exposed its main line of defense to possible destruction. It is being attacked on the front as well as from all sides by those who demand its unconditional surrender and who would fain leave it without name or remainder on the earth.

### THE RISE AND SPREAD OF NATURALISM

That Christianity faces a more serious situation today than in any previous period, with the possible exception of the first three centuries, finds its explanation in the rise and spread of the empirico-scientific world and life view that made its appearance in the so-called Enlightenment of the eighteenth century, later clarified, strengthened and extended under the influence of Hume, Kant, Darwin and others.

Previous to that time the various world and life views that had prevailed, no matter when or where, had been supernaturalistic to the core. Nothing, however, is more characteristic of the empirico-scientific view than its thorough-going naturalism — the resoluteness with which it seeks to explain the entire world, including man and religion and morality, without the aid of any supernatural factor, purely from resident forces and according to unvarying laws.

In the nature of the case, it thereby assumed a position of determined and thorough-going opposition to Christianity such as had characterized no previous world and life view. And that because the supernatural is to such an extent the animating principle of Christianity that Christianity de-supernaturalized is Christianity extinct.

While we must go back more than two hundred years to discover the roots

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O defend us to the end.

Thine forever! Shepherd, keep  
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath Thy care,  
Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine forever! Thou our Guide,  
All our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiven,  
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.  
Amen.

—Mary Fowler Maude.

of this purely naturalistic world and life view, it is only within the last hundred years that it has gained acceptance sufficiently wide to awaken within its devotees the courage to launch an all-out attack upon Christianity.

At first its advocates rejected only the doctrines of Christianity together with the supernatural facts of which the doctrines are the explanation, but continued to extol the superiority of the Christian ethic.

It is not more than seventy-five years since John Stuart Mill declared that it "would not be easy, even for the unbeliever, to find a better translation of the rule of virtue from the abstract to the concrete than to endeavor so to live that Christ would approve our life" — a declaration that reflected what was then and what for some time thereafter, was the common view even among those who rejected the supernaturalism of preceding ages, including that of Christianity. This was the view, for

instance, of Thomas Huxley, Matthew Arnold, George Eliot, Mrs. Humphrey Ward and other influential writers. Today, however, the situation has reached such a stage that no part of Christianity is more openly assailed than its ethics.

Nietzsche was the first influential thinker openly to attack the Christian ideal of conduct. So significant did he consider this attack that he counted it as his chief claim to distinction that he had exposed the real nature of the Christian ethic. "That which defies me, that makes me stand apart from the whole of the rest of mankind," he wrote in *Ecce Homo*, "is the fact that I have unmasked Christian morality. Christian morality is the most malignant form of all falsehood, the actual Circe of humanity, that which has corrupted mankind."

H. G. Wells, Bertrand Russell, Bernard Shaw, Freud and others may be more restrained in their mode of expression, but they are wholly one with Nietzsche in their repudiation of Christian standards of conduct and in holding that the man most to be admired is other than the Christian man.

Whatever may have been true in previous ages, it is hardly open to denial that the clearest and deepest line of cleavage between those calling themselves Christians today, is between those who are basically supernaturalistic and those who are basically naturalistic, in their conception of Christianity.

### THE SUPERNATURALISTS

Most of those calling themselves Christians are supernaturalists of the traditional type, i.e., they hold to the high supernaturalism of the New Testament — a supernaturalism that includes the supernatural in the form of the miraculous.

The fact that the anti-supernaturalists are more vocal should not be allowed to conceal the fact that the overwhelming majority of those calling themselves Christians still hold to the high supernaturalism that was dominant in Christian circles until the rise and spread of the modern world view of which we have just made mention.

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The most significant fact to be taken into consideration in this connection is that the creeds of the entire organized Church — Orthodox Greek, Roman Catholic or Protestant — bear consistent witness to a Christianity that is through and through supernaturalistic.

However much naturalistic views have seeped into the minds of the members of these Churches — and undoubtedly they have done so to a large extent especially in certain branches of the Protestant churches — it can hardly be denied that to the vast majority of those who call themselves Christians, the supernatural enters into the substance of what they regard as Christianity to such a degree that they would not hesitate to say that Christianity shorn of the supernatural is Christianity falsely so called.

They believe in God as a supernatural fact, in miracles as supernatural acts of that supernatural God, in redemption as the work of a supernatural Christ, in the Christian life as due to the supernatural work of a supernatural Spirit, and in an immortality that cannot be expressed in naturalistic terms.

Among the extra-canonical sayings ascribed to Jesus, best entitled to be regarded as genuine, is the saying, "Show yourselves approved money-changers." Many of the Church fathers made use of this saying to explain Paul's injunction, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21), believing that underlying this exhortation is the figure of a money-changer testing the coins submitted to him to ascertain whether they are genuine or counterfeit.

Few things are more needed today than the ability to distinguish between genuine and counterfeit Christianity. All sorts of coins, bearing the image and superscription of Christianity, are in circulation. One of the results is that there are many persons calling themselves Christians — some who even pride themselves on the purity of their Christian confession — who are embracing systems of thought and life which lack all that is most essential to Christianity.

In examining the coins in circulation bearing the image and superscription of Christianity, if we are to show ourselves approved money-changers, we must discriminate between those which, though defective, mutilated, or underweight, are genuine and those which, whatever their appearance, are counterfeit.

Such coins have, so to speak, been

in circulation for nearly two thousand years. During that time many of them have become worn and defaced, some have been mutilated, some have had part of their gold removed and replaced with base metal, some have been melted down and reminted with more or less alloy added.

This deformed currency, however, is not the same as counterfeit currency and should not be confused with it. Expressed in less figurative language, the deformations of Christianity — the result in large part of heresy and schism — are of an entirely different character from falsifications of Christianity.

Christianity rightly so called, as we have seen, involves the reality of the supernatural in the form of a personal God Who exists outside and beyond and above nature. Few of those calling themselves Christians deny the existence of the supernatural in this sense. Hence this fact is of relatively little value in distinguishing between Christianity rightly so called and Christianity falsely so called. And yet there are not lacking those calling themselves Christians who do not have such a reality in mind when they speak of the supernatural.

Christianity rightly so called involves the reality of the supernatural in the form of the miraculous. It is particularly important to keep this in mind because of the large number of those calling themselves Christians for whom

the supernatural in this form does not exist. Relatively few of them deny the existence of a supernatural God but the number of those who deny that this supernatural God has intervened miraculously in the affairs of this world are legion.

These miracles include miracles in both the narrow and the broad sense of the word. Miracles, in the narrow sense of the word, include those mighty acts that God has wrought in the external world for this world's redemption — acts which culminate in the events connected with the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

In the broad sense of the word, miracles also include the acts and works of God in the spiritual world such as regeneration and sanctification by means of which sinners are restored to newness of life and the tendencies to evil within them are progressively eradicated and holy dispositions implanted, nourished and perfected.

Considering the critical world situation which we face, it is high time to put aside all brands of deformed and debased currency, and stay by the supernatural verities of the Faith. Suffering men will be impressed to follow positive Christianity, but they will pass on the other side when offered a negative system characterized by doubt and uncertainty. They want something real.

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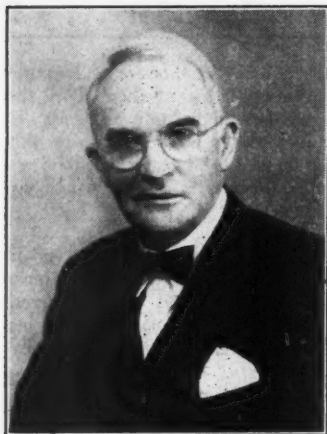
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# The Way Out

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**T**HAT THE WORLD is in a monumental muddle of confusion no one will deny. It is next to useless to attempt to point out even a few of the unfortunate features of the deplorable situation in which current civilization unhappily finds itself.

Time-honored and historically-tested moral standards which have motivated and molded society from the dawn of Christian civilization are fearfully lowered or disregarded and cast aside.

Take, for instance, the divorce evil which is a striking example of the profligacy and promiscuity of the present day. In 1886 there was only one divorce in twenty-seven marriages, while today the average is one in four. All along the line of life's various activities there is a pronounced reaction from the idealism which characterized this Country in earlier times. There is a general loss of the awareness or sense of God's presence in the world.

Sinners are no longer under conviction for their sins, and there is a widespread indifference among the nominal professors of the Christian religion. An ominous sign of a perishing civilization is a passionate pursuit of worldly pleasure, with the resultant lowering of moral standards. History is strewn with the wrecks of civilizations destroyed by mass immorality.

And withal we observe a growing distaste for the fundamental virtues and institutions of civilized society, the Home, the Church and the State. This generally recognized prevalence of evil has come like a creeping paralysis over a world seemingly doomed to destruction.


Perplexed political leaders may talk about tax economy, streamlining of government agencies, price support for farmers, unemployment compensation,

old age insurance, better housing for people in low-income brackets, medical care on reasonable terms for all citizens, flood control and reclamation projects, financial and military aid to nations fighting the red menace, and a bipartisan foreign policy supporting the United Nations.

But despite all efforts in these directions, atheistic Communism is ruthlessly marching on as an implacable foe to righteousness and as a menacing threat to civilization. This results solely from the fact that moral fiber has been destroyed by the undermining of Christian faith. Communism thrives on depravity.

Down in the devil's world, the very imps of damnation are turned loose and the fearful harvest of evil portrayed by St. John in his Apocalyptic vision, is ripening fast for the great final outburst of divine wrath.

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It is not the intention of the writer to overlook or minimize the vast amount of good which still exists in the world and will continue despite flood tides of evil. But the warning words of Jesus in His great prophetic discourse, recorded in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, are applicable to the time of the end. "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

After making due allowance for the many worthy agencies and institutions engaged in promoting the general welfare and extension of the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men, yet, without controversy the present hour finds the human family faced with unprecedented dangers.

Many things might be mentioned as contributory causes which plunged the world into its muddle, such as the backwash of two world wars in one generation; the high cost of living and the cost of high living; unrestricted foreign immigration; the filth and immorality poured forth upon the screen of the motion picture industry; the abuse of twentieth century facilities for travel and transportation; modern mechanical equipment in a machine age which has thrown millions out of employment; juvenile delinquency; commercialized vice . . .

The exodus from the farm and the migratory drift into the already congested cities; waste, extravagance and living beyond one's income through the influence of high pressure salesmanship; downright laziness and unwillingness to work and toil in manual labor; the teaching of the ape-to-man theory of evolution in the schools and colleges; modernism in the churches which has impoverished them spiritually and dried up sources of evangelistic power; and a return of the organized, legalized, demonized, iniquitous and ubiquitous saloon.

No doubt all of these things have contributed, some more and some less, to the world's degradation and downfall. The paramount question is not what got us into the present monumental muddle, but what can get us out.

Many different panaceas have been suggested. We are now prepared to consider some of these professionally prescribed remedies and to study what they have to offer.

**1. Philosophy says: "Think your way out."**

It is a good thing to *think* provided we think right. But there are many

men of many minds. It took more than thought to plunge the world into the present chaotic condition, and will take more than mere thought to extricate humanity from its predicament.

In fact, philosophy is divided against itself. It is difficult to find two philosophers who think alike. They are as much at variance among themselves as the common run of men, or the so-called vulgar crowd. The world is too deep in the muck and mire of political and economic confusion to extricate itself with profound philosophic thought. *A farmer cannot cultivate his field by turning it over in his mind.* Neither can the learned philosophers redeem civilization from disaster by finespun theories of metaphysical distinctions.

## 2. Repeal says: "Drink your way out."

Yes, the wets faithfully promised to balance the budget with beer. But instead of making good their boasted promise, they have utterly failed. The national budget has increased from fifty billions to two hundred and fifty billions.

It is impossible for a nation to drink itself into prosperity. The liquor traffic costs us five times more for repair than it produces by internal revenue. The consumption of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes sinks a nation deeper into a debacle but never lifts it out. So Repeal's loud slogan of "drink your way out," is an abomination.

## 3. The New Deal says: "Spend your way out."

The wild, extravagant expenditure of national wealth has not succeeded in lifting the Country out of its muddle. If anything, it has sunk us deeper into the depths of confusion and despair. The Harry Hopkins theory of "tax, tax, tax and spend, spend, spend," has left us groggy, reeling to and fro, like a man robbed of his senses.

## 4. Science says: "Invent your way out."

Science has made many valuable inventions which have served as benefactions to mankind. Electric light, telephone, the telegraph, wireless telegraphy, the radio, etc., have contributed

much to human happiness and general welfare of the people. But science can not invent a way out of our present muddle.

The trouble is that many of these modern inventions may be used to the detriment and destruction of humanity — the atomic and hydrogen bombs, for instance. Television, which is capable of being used for a good cause, is bringing the world, the flesh and the devil into the American home. It is proving as foul and filthy as the motion picture industry.

## 5. Politics says: "Legislate your way out."

The legislation of good laws is a very excellent thing. But graft, greed and corruption have made otherwise great statesmen pawns upon the political chessboard. With all due respect to the United States Congress and the United Nations, they have failed to legislate the world out of its muddle.

There is too much play at politics among our chosen representatives and law-makers, too much fighting and filibustering among themselves to legislate us out of the mire and mud of present social and economic conditions. We see before us too much politics and too little statesmanship.

## 6. Fascism and Nazism say: "Bluff your way out."

But the world refused to be bluffed. This was the apparent aim of the ill-fated Hitler and Mussolini. They bluffed themselves to power as imitators of Stalin and Trotsky and Lenin but it did not work. More than bluff, sham and braggadocio will be needed to lift us out of the muddle.

## 7. Industry says: "Work your way out."

The tillers of the soil and those who work for wages are to be congratulated and cannot be complimented too highly. The old motto, "labor conquers all things," is undoubtedly a good one. "Man shall make his living by the sweat of his face," was the Genesis command to Adam and his posterity.

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sufficient to pry the world out of its muddle.

#### 8. Pensioners say: "Pension your way out."

Professional pensioners have thought to solve the world's problems by using aged people for experimental purposes in the field of economics. They influenced the Government to give an old age pension to provide social security for the aged.

Properly handled, this is a good thing. But if used to enhance an already sprawling bureaucracy and make our citizens more responsible to centralized government, the cure can become worse than the disease.

Our natural sympathies are with old people. We love them and sympathize with those in want. But the solution of their problem cannot be broadened into a panacea for all problems.

#### 9. Communism says: "Hate your way out."

Stalin said in one of his books: "We will smash the capitalist systems of the world." He neglected to explain that Communism is the most selfish, brutal and inhuman form of capitalism the world has ever known. Where it rules, the people become slaves under a few men at the top, kept in power by the terroristic secret police.

Lunacharsky, Moscow's Commissar of Education, gave the boiled down essence of the communist program in a very few words: "What we want is hatred. We must know how to hate, for only thus shall we conquer the world."

The communist way out of the muddle, would be a way into a universal hell on earth.

#### 10. The Bible says: "Pray your way out."

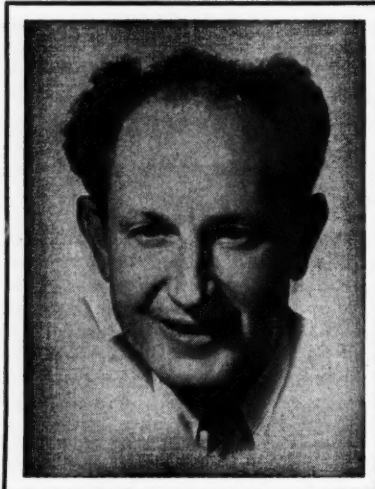
How did Jonah get out of his whale of a muddle? Did he think his way out? Did he drink his way out? Did he bluff his way out? Did he invent his way out? Did he pension his way out? Did he legislate his way out? Did he work his way out? Did he hate his way out? No. He prayed his way out.

If the nations would turn to prayer and seek God's way, there would be hope of emerging from the muddle. If this is not done, Jesus will have to take over the receivership of a bankrupt world when He returns.

It is a discouraging thought that

prayer is never offered at any sessions of the United Nations. If the world as a whole will not pray its way out, yet the individual can pray his way out to broad daylight of personal victory.

Let us pray!



## WASHINGTON REPORT

By Upton Close

**H**ELLO Defender Readers. This is Upton Close reporting from Capitol Hill.

In the light of latest unprecedented scandals, who will say that the new-deal-fair-deal is not decadent? There is an utter lack of Christian integrity and old fashioned decency at the top. This appalling condition is reflected all the way down.

Billy Graham's revival should bear fruit. The dynamic young man is administering sharp jabs at the Capital's conscience. There is no indication that the White House has heard about the meetings.

The President is being criticized for ignoring Graham's request to preach from the steps of the Capitol building. Vice President Barkley stepped in and complied when Christian criticism could be no longer ignored.

A crowd estimated at 40,000 came out in a drizzle, and stood reverently to hear the Evangelist appeal for a moral and spiritual revival to restore the Nation's character.

**T**AX SCANDALS and rottenness in the Department falsely bearing the name of "Justice," reflect the need of a house cleaning from top to bottom in the Executive branch of the Government.

This Department, which should be the protector of the citizens' rights and bulwark against sedition, has actually had tie-ups with Communist protectors and persecutors of patriots for 15 years.

Under Roosevelt the Department of Justice became the tool of hatchetmen and character assassins whose job has been to undermine real American leadership and wipe American ideals out of press, movies, radio, schools and pulpits.

Francis Biddle, as Attorney General, installed a whole school of reds as Government attorneys, sworn to uphold the Constitution and the rights of the individual... but who, cynically, did the opposite.

Some of these "wolves in sheep's clothing," have now gone out into private practice as legal defenders of

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rogues, Communists, underworld characters and conspirators.

Among them: William Power Maloney, thrown out of a Congressional committee room a few days ago for brawling; O. John Rogge, high inquisitor for a certain Jewish political league and recent Moscow guest, dedicated to destroying those who prefer Americanism to Kremlinism. Both of these have become attorneys for Communist spies and other questionable characters.

Now those who tried to destroy anti-new deal patriots are being tarred with their own brush. Senator Pat McCarran says: "They are squealing like stuck hogs, wailing about McCarthyism."

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**WALTER WINCHELL**, prince of scurrility peddlers, who for years considered himself both inside tip-off man and press agent for the Justice Department (even announcing correctly what grand juries would do in advance), has recently been getting his own kind of medicine — and from his own sort.

The long series of daily articles in the *New York Post*, blasting him to pieces and scattering his remains over the north forty, really hurt. Because the *Post* is a recognized Jewish mouthpiece, its attacks demonstrated official disapproval of the "new Winchell."

His attempt to become respectable and get on the popular side in regard to MacArthur, McCarthy, etc., was resented and taken as evidence that WW had become too independent.

Fulton Lewis, overlooking Winchell's ruthless "dishing it out" for 20 years and present sissy-like inability to "take it," even gives Winchell credit for being too decent.

So, the king of slime announces a "break-down" from Miami and suspends.

His buddy in the execution of many smear projects, Drew Pearson, has also been greatly weakened by blasts from Senator Joe McCarthy's stentorian voice.

**ROBERT PATTERSON**, who perished in the flames of an Elizabeth, New Jersey, plane crash, was during his tenure as a "public servant," a consistent servant of the new deal and a tool of the mystic order of character assassins.

In the military world, the depth of servility and ethical turpitude is to falsify the honorable service record of your own subordinate, as the price of outside favor.

Thus, an officer of the United States Air Force assigned to loyalty investigation of uniformed men in critical spots, found his recommendations countermanded when he exposed Jo Lasch, Eleanor Roosevelt's favored "youth," and others under protection of the Jewish protective League.

After the war, when as a reserve officer, this man dared to speak of these things, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith got from Robert Patterson, as one of his last acts as Secretary of War, a signed statement to the effect that the officer occupied no such position as he claimed in the armed services.

Over Patterson's signature, the League defamed this officer and his reports throughout the land. On being shown that his letter was a lie and a libel — proved so by official military records, Patterson declined to make correction.

The plotters who framed and smeared clean Americans, to drive them off the air and out of print, are now suspect, yelling for "the benefit of the doubt" when cited by a McCarthy, and other patriots who put loyalty above political expediency.

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**COMING BACK** to the Department of "Justice," we take note on Capitol Hill that everybody regards the appointment of New York's playboy Newbold Morris as whitewash. Some gestures will be made to make it appear otherwise. A small percentage of the American people will, I suppose, take the bait.

But Morris, "appointed by McGrath to investigate McGrath," can hardly

be expected to do the job that needs to be done. Moreover, he is too much a leftist to discharge faithfully the responsibility at hand. Representative Potter of Michigan has shown him to be a man of many questionable contacts.

"His record of being used by Communist-front organizations demonstrates that he is either naive to the extreme or a soft-headed idealist whose judgment is most poor," says Potter. "If he cannot distinguish a Communist-sponsored organization, how can he be expected to identify corruption even if it were staring him in the face?"

The scheming brains that have operated so vigorously and viciously will try to continue chopping down pro-American leaders — whether on national, state or local level. *May you be watching with me!*

Yours truly,

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## ADMONITION FOR PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS

*By Kenneth Goff*

**I AM A PROTESTANT.** But I am also wise to Communist strategy. I know the red movement from the inside.

Moscow gave orders years ago that American Protestants and Catholics were to be kept busy fighting each other, so there could be no unified religious opposition to Communism in the Western Hemisphere. Neither group should allow itself to fall into this trap.

I can stand with a Catholic against Communism without accepting his doctrinal belief. It happens that his enemy is my enemy, and we are both fighting for survival. We, very definitely, have something in common.

I was sponsored for membership in the Communist Party by Gene Dennis, General Secretary, and one of the Eleven convicted in Judge Medina's court.

Dennis was then a district organizer, stationed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. My initiation took place in his office at 113 East Wells Street on May 2, 1936. They gave me the name of John Keats, and 18 B-2 for a number. Dennis became one of my closest friends.

I resigned from the Party three years and five months later, after returning to the childhood Christian faith of my parents and accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

Prior to joining, I took a course in an FERA (Federal Relief Administration) worker's school at the University of Wisconsin. This new deal outfit had been placed under Communist management, for the purpose of indoctrinating all who enrolled with the beliefs of Marxism. *They succeeded in steering me straight into the Party.*

Those days found our Country in the grip of an economic crisis. I thought perhaps Communism might have something to contribute toward solution. I was unbelievably gullible.

The assignments that I received from the Party placed me in contact with top-level leaders. I became a trusted conspirator and travelled much of the time.

Some of my work was highly secretive. Later, while testifying before various Government agencies, including the Committee on Un-American Activities, I was able to give information which, to say the least, proved startling.

**IT WAS** constantly hammered into our heads by higher-ups in the Party, that hatreds were to be generated between Protestants and Catholics. The two groups were to be constantly goaded into fighting each other.

I personally entertain the suspicion that reds in the State Department promoted the idea of sending a United States ambassador to the Vatican for this purpose.

We were instructed to level our hardest blows at the Catholic Church because it was compact and organized under one head. The Protestants were pictured as being divided into factions and therefore more vulnerable to attack. Our leaders told us that Protestant bodies were being successfully infiltrated, whereas Catholic institutions remained more steeled against Marxism. We, of course, had many stooges planted inside the Roman Church, but Modernism (a denaturing, devitalizing influence) made our work easier among the Protestants.

I can still hear Gene Dennis haranguing us at our Milwaukee meetings: "We will finish off the Catholics first; then the Protestants will come easy."

The Communists have used the strategy of *divide and conquer* to great advantage. Through it they have gained control of almost one-third of the earth's surface and subjected 850 million human beings to slavery. Every nation conquered by the reds has seen Catholic priests and Protestant preachers liquidated. The butchers have no preference. They hate both alike.

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**THE FIRST** State convention of the Party that I attended was addressed by Dennis on this very subject. Plans for honeycombing both Protestant and Catholic organizations in the Wisconsin area were discussed.

Dennis reported that Dorothy Day, a member of our group, had renounced the Party and joined the Catholic Church for the purpose of infiltration. He also named others, and gave the order that from each cell, one former Catholic should be assigned to return to the Church, as part of their Communist duties. The name of the person so instructed from our cell was Marge Chenik.

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vention, one of my assignments was to help organize anti-Catholic propaganda, along with a Jew by the name of Sam Corr. We formed the habit of going each week to the office of a prominent Milwaukee children's specialist. There we developed a select group and worked out effective methods.

Our main project was to get the *Converted Catholic Magazine* circulated among Protestants. We would raise contributions from wealthy fellow-travelers and use the money to cover subscriptions for ministers residing in Wisconsin. Other cells were working along similar lines in different States.

The editor of the *Converted Catholic Magazine*, an ex-priest by the name of L. H. Lehmann, was well known to us. He attended our meetings, gave lectures and made "helpful" suggestions.

We were warned never to mention Lehmann's name in connection with our work, because he was a member of a special branch of the Party.

This man lectured before the Free Thinkers of America. His writings were also recommended by the Free-Thought Press Association, both of which have carried on violent attacks against the Christian religion.

While Lehmann's magazine displayed itself as a publication for Bible-believing Christians, it always followed the Communist Party line.

There were frequent smear attacks in its columns against the real opponents of Communism. True patriots were dubbed Fascists. Every issue contained material to inflame passions of hate between Protestants and Catholics. We Communists watched preachers, priests

and laymen of both groups swallow the bait.

This often gave us a good laugh.

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**T**HE SPANISH CIVIL WAR afforded a good opportunity for fanning the flames of anti-Catholicism by labeling Franco's forces, "soldiers of the Pope."

In reality, Moscow had gained control of Madrid. Marcel Rosenberg, the Soviet ambassador, ruled Spain. Franco was leading a rebellion to release his country from the tentacles of the red octopus.

By clever maneuvering we were able to gain support among clergymen for the red armies. These ministers did not realize that they were helping underwrite the liquidation of all professed Christian worship in Spain.

Protestants suffered with Catholics in proportion to their numbers. The atrocities committed against believers baffle description.

It will be recalled that American men were recruited, in violation of the law, and sent to Spain for service on the side of Russia. We called our armies the George Washington and Abraham Lincoln Battalions.

I was appointed to question returning soldiers on what they had heard and seen in Spain, and to instruct them how much the American public was to be told.

Some of their stories made my blood run cold. The soldiers laughingly reported of going into convents, rounding up nuns, stripping them of their clothing, then raping and bayoneting

the helpless victims to death. They piled human bodies up like cordwood in city squares and set them on fire.

One group of our men told me about capturing several Catholics, binding their hands and feet with wire, dousing them with oil and applying the torch while they were still alive. Several returning soldiers explained that they adopted the habit of raiding Churches, using the pulpits and Bibles for toilet purposes, and engaging in sex orgies around the altars.

Our leaders declared that what happened in Spain was only a preliminary skirmish compared to blows scheduled to fall upon America. No member of the Party is ever left in doubt as to the Communist program for the United States.

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**T**HE STORY of Captain Antonius Raab comes to my mind.

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"The Communists threw 300,000 Spanish people into jail and 10,000 foreigners, whom they accused of being spies. I was arrested and thrown into prison. Three times I risked my life to escape and finally by sheer luck, I succeeded ...

"Red soldiers went into burial places and emptied coffins in search of gold and precious stones. Why they believed jewels should be there, I do not know. While in prison I met a former acquaintance named Kuhn.

"Kuhn was called before the board to confess himself a spy. He could not confess any more than I could. They beat me with a rubber club until my right leg and side were paralyzed for

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days. But poor Kuhn — this is what they did to him.

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"But not for long were they living and dead. It was the dead and the dead. For no man could survive such a fiendish act. Kuhn must have been glad to die."

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**WHAT MANY PEOPLE** do not understand is that Communism has come to fruition as the ripened fruit of the Jewish Talmud.

No amount of juggling facts can separate red internationalism from Jewish internationalism. We are indebted to Talmudism in the last analysis for the breakdown of civilization.

We read in the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, Volume VII, page 289: "On both paternal and maternal sides, Karl Marx was descended from rabbinical families."

This may also be said of most of the leaders who furnish the intellectual and financial driving power of the Communist conspiracy. I, like millions of others, was simply one of their dupes.

The current issue of a leading Jewish magazine, *The Jewish Forum*, contains an article attacking Christianity exactly like the material that I was fed while a member of the Party. I shall quote a few paragraphs from this violent, blasphemous tirade. Let Defender Readers note that the charge of *God committing adultery with Mary* is as old as the Talmud. Communism and Zionism get their "inspiration" from this Satanic source.

*The Jewish Forum* is a gaudy publication, now in its thirty-fourth year, printed in colors on high grade enamel paper, edited by Isaac Rosengarten. It is advertised as "A Leading Literary Monthly" of American Jewry. Its avowed purpose is to "Clarify the great ideals of Judaism for the modern mind."

The following quotations are lifted at random from the January 1952 edition:

"The Talmudic sage, Simon ben Gamaliel, said there must be truth and justice before there can be peace.

"Judaism, the religion of the earliest Christians, taught 'thou shalt have no other gods before me.' Christianity, particularly Roman Catholicism, while calling itself a monotheistic religion, added a man-made god and, for all practical purposes, turned it into a family of gods ...

"The law says, 'the seventh day shall be the Sabbath.' Christianity, by its duplicity, substituted the first day, inventing the fiction of the resurrection of Jesus to hallow that day.

"Bishop Edward W. Barnes of England has long advocated the conviction that the fictional dogmas concerning the birth of Jesus, the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection are unfounded in fact; saying, among other things, that Christianity looks upon the birth of Jesus not like the birth of a human being but like that of an insect.

"The story in the Christian Gospels relates that, when God called the Holy Ghost, had intercourse with Mary, called a Virgin, there was a conception resulting in the birth of Jesus. There is the factual statement in the Gospels that, at the time of such intercourse, the Virgin Mary had already been married and her husband was Joseph, son of Jacob.

"God who, in His Seventh Commandment of the Ten Commandments, had set forth 'Thou shalt not commit adultery,' had done what He had forbidden mankind to do, in contravention of this Commandment. What an inglorious imputation! What an example even unto the thousandth generation yet unborn!

"When the totalitarian Catholic Church, in order to control every child from the cradle to the grave in consecrated ground, adopted the dogmatic

fiction that every child is born in sin, in order to overcome the naturally disturbing logical conclusion that sin also tainted the birth of Jesus, the second dogmatic fiction was superimposed on the first fiction; namely, that Jesus was born by being conceived by God, Who, in the form of the Holy Ghost (another fiction), had intercourse with Mary (another fiction) who, though married, was a virgin — another fiction.

"In the entire shadowy story there is not a single absolutely convincing historical fact."

*But why desecrate Defender pages with more of such blasphemy?*

The foregoing is only a fraction of the *Jewish Forum* editorial now being considered. It represents but a trickle from the vast Talmudic reservoir, out of which the filthy streams of Zionism and Communism pour forth.

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**HERE IN AMERICA**, we can scarcely realize the suffering endured by followers of Christ living behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains.

We cannot accurately visualize the bloody sea in which 21-million professed Christians have been baptized. In the year 1951 alone, there were more martyrs to the Faith than in all the previous centuries of Church history combined.

This suffering of the saints in other parts of the world should serve as a warning to us, regarding the strategy of the anti-Christ. Unless the growth of this same strategy is arrested by mobilized Christian action, the noose will some day tighten around the neck of every Protestant clergyman in the United States.

Being a minister, I am naturally and unalterably opposed to certain dogmas in the Catholic system of teaching. And being an evangelical, I am opposed to left-wing Modernism in our Protestant denominations.

The leftist theologian opposes the Catholic Church for its opposition to Communism. But for the life of me, I cannot understand loyal Gospel preachers joining in the attack. *They need to get their facts straight!*

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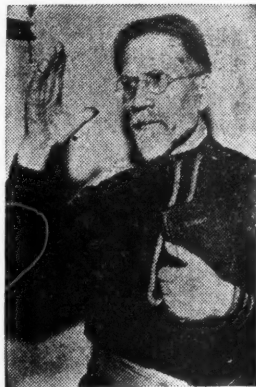
One poor Russian peasant and his wife, whose only earthly possessions consisted of one horse and a cow, after their conversion became so eager to read the Bible, that they gave up their only cow to secure the only Bible in the whole county, though they had three small children who needed the milk as much as our American children need it. When Pastor Malof smuggled a sackfull of Bibles into Russia through the help of a converted boatman, and instructed this brother to allow only one Bible for a whole village, the peasants on the market place surrounded the horse cart on which he was standing, each one stretching out their hands and crying: "Give to me, give to me!" The only way to satisfy everybody was for him to tear out page after page from the whole Bible, and to give to each peasant man and woman just a leaf of two pages from Genesis to Revelation.

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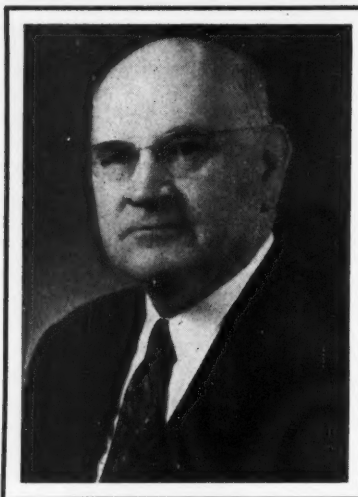
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# EDITORIALS



## CONGRESSMAN

**John T. Wood**

**Idaho's Man Of Courage**

Editorial pages 16, 17 and 18 are being devoted this month to excerpts from speeches, writings and insertions in the Congressional Record by courageous Congressman John T. Wood ... of Idaho.

The rest of the Country wondered what on earth happened when the people of Idaho sent Communist-coddling Glen Taylor to the United States Senate in 1944. Now they have redeemed themselves by retiring Taylor to private life and electing a truly great Christian statesman from their First Congressional District.

### GOD SAVE AMERICA

*The American people are sickened by the senseless slaughter in Korea; shocked by the ever-increasing exposures of corruption in government; and outraged by the double-talk, half-truths, and lying propaganda fed to them by the Administration and the international stooges of press and radio.*

The people are beginning to suspect that our most dangerous enemies are not in Korea, China, or Russia, but right here in the United States; and that the threats of Communism and

atomic bombs are being used as "booby traps" to frighten us into surrendering our national sovereignty to a world government in which we would be hopelessly out-numbered and out-voted.

Unquestionably, one of the first acts of a world government would be repeal of our immigration laws to open our gates to the have-not hordes of Asia and Europe, thereby reducing our standard of living to the world level.

There is a growing suspicion rapidly approaching conviction, that the real architects of our foreign and domestic policies are the One-Worlders of Wall Street and the London counting houses, who see in our threatened economic collapse the opportunity to seize control of our commerce, industry, raw

materials; thus gaining economic and financial control of the world. Through the Bretton Woods Monetary Agreements, ratified by the Senate in violation of the Constitution, they already have control of money and credit.

It is significant that Dean Acheson, John Foster Dulles, and a clique in the State Department are the principal mouthpieces for internationalism. And it is ironical that an Administration, which came into power on the promise that it would drive the money-changers from the temple, has pursued such unsound monetary and fiscal policies that the money-changers now own the temple.

What is most disturbing to many Americans is the terrifying realization that the pseudo-economists of the New Deal-Fair Deal have made such a mess of our domestic economy that they must promote wars and rumors of war to keep us going. Is this the result of economic ignorance or part and parcel of a diabolical, conspiratorial plot to drain away our wealth, regiment and control our economy, and reduce the United States to the status of a satellite province in a world government? You be the judge.

The cold fact is that the United States is being rushed at breakneck speed into a situation even worse than war: total economic collapse. America is the last hope of a free world. If we are forced into national bankruptcy, the inevitable, inescapable result will be a breakdown of civilization, unbridled anarchy throughout the world, and a throwback to the Dark Ages.

The hour is later than you think! If our country is to be saved from such a fate, there must be a great uprising of outraged public opinion against those who are selling out America. *Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget.*

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## HEADED FOR BANKRUPTCY

*One of the pet smear words used against opponents of the Administration's supposed bipartisan foreign policy of internationalism, is to accuse them of being "isolationists."*

The word "isolationism" occurred five times in six paragraphs in the reply of the State Department to the House Foreign Affairs Committee's request for its recommendation on H. R. 5080, my bill to get out of the United Nations. The Department expressed "the emphatic hope that it (the bill) will receive no favorable consideration by the Congress."

The whole world is divided into two camps — the Nationalist countries, and the Internationalist. We are the *only* nation fitting into the internationalist group; all others are Nationalist — and quite properly so.

They are all *have not* nations; we have been the *haves*. And, due to the fact that our internationalists are either dumb, deluded, or definitely un-American, they have just about carried us into National bankruptcy through a series of foreign give-away programs to nations who frequently use our gifts on the black market.

These nationalist countries call their operations "patriotism," but never "isolationism."

Thus a foreign isolationist is a patriot; while our own isolationists are traitors, un-American, bad and dangerous people, who are definitely endangering our asinine foreign policy — if you can call it a policy.

Thank God your writer is an "isolationist." All the founding fathers were. I would much rather have their company, not only now, but through all eternity, than the half-men, and potential traitors in the State Department, with all the rest of the internationalist breed. I sleep well at night; the spook of Benedict Arnold never troubles my dreams.

God help all of us to think, work,

strive, and live for the America we have inherited as a most precious heritage. Others may think internationally; I think for America. And, strange to say, I have an abiding faith that in this way I am a better internationalist than these hybrid mongrels who now so classify themselves. For America can help the world best by just simply being herself.

## UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING BILL CONDEMNED

*Many letters are coming into my office concerning the Universal Military Training bill, not only from Idaho, but all over the United States. Ninety-nine per cent of them are against it.*

I voted against it last year. No arguments have thus far been advanced by its advocates which have caused me to change my opinion. It presents some attractive features, but, in my opinion, they are outbalanced by its objectionable provisions. These are as follows:

1. The principle is not compatible with constitutional Americanism. The people have never indicated they wished their young sons committed to the foster care of a military group in their formative years, and certainly not in peacetime.

2. A large section of our people are not in sympathy with our foreign policy of careless meddling in the future of other countries. They realize the Army might become the club to enforce such interference, and they want none of it. Korea has taught even the complacent and unthinking a lesson.

3. They realize the President has indicated he is completely sold on "government by executive decree." A few examples follow:

(a) He has arrogated to himself — or to the United Nations, which is still worse, the sole right of Congress to declare war.

(b) He has arrogated to himself the right to order our boys into Iran, Egypt, or Indo-China, at any time he

pleases, without the consent, or even the advice, of Congress.

4. The Selective Service Act, which has met with general acceptance by the American people, has been more or less stultified by the Administration, with the objective of creating favorable sentiment for U.M.T.

5. The Military Affairs Committees of both Houses of Congress should have devised the Act. Instead, it was left to a committee of five, some of whom have strong internationalist leanings.

6. A fourth estate of military hierarchy has begun to function unconstitutionally. It is jealous of its powers, is dictatorial, wasteful of public taxes, and is increasingly encroaching upon the constitutional civilian authority over it. An example:

Two weeks ago, a highly top secret meeting was held in the Pentagon. Subject matter: Should our boys be sent into Indo-China, under certain conditions, to be decided by the top brass of the United States, Britain, and France. Result announced: "Not at present." Entirely unconstitutional and un-American. Do you see how far we have gone? Congress should have discussed this, if it should have been discussed at all, and decided it.

7. We have no scarcity of men. We lack production of materiel. U.M.T. is not designed to remedy that.

8. It presents too many possibilities for abuse by the growing tendencies to government by executive decree, or by the growing power of the military.

## HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION

*The Human Rights Convention has already been passed by the United Nations — that supergovernment of the*

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world, of which every American unwittingly became a citizen when its charter was signed in 1945.

It has not yet been passed by the United States Senate, largely due to the efforts of the American Bar Association, and particularly its past president, Frank E. Holman, in pointing out to the Senate that if, and when they did give the Convention treaty rights, causing it to become the supreme law of the Land, our system of constitutional government would be destroyed.

The Senate may not pass this *treason* to America. But they did give its *mother*, the United Nations, treaty rights, strange though it may seem to patriotic Americans. And wise people learn to judge the future by the past. Let us analyze a few of the implications involved in this vicious proposal.

Citizens of the United States may pass freely from one State to another. The same right would be given to citizens of the World State under this Convention. Now for some *forked tongue* business.

Russia signed this Convention long ago, but can you even imagine her permitting free travel of Americans in Russia? Or in Hungary? Or even in our new supposed friend, Yugoslavia?

All our present immigration laws shall be nullified by this Treaty. Can you visualize the tremendous horde of undesirables this Convention would let loose upon America?

How would our labor unions like the inevitable impact of the flood of cheap labor which would swamp their labor market, even though most of them are asking for the passage of this Convention? American labor has obtained tremendous advantages under the American way of life. What would be its effect upon their future status? Think it over, union members.

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would largely pass within the scope of the International Court of the United Nations. It would become difficult to draw the line between domestic and international matters.

Domestic courts would inevitably tend to assume the character of mere police courts, and even their decisions would necessarily have the right of review or reversal by the International Court, since all human rights would be under their jurisdiction.

Runnymede and Magna Charta; the British Bill of Rights; our Declaration of Independence, and our Constitution, with its attached Bill of Rights, would cease to remain the solid bulwarks of Freedom. Above the entrance to every American Court would be inscribed in black letters that old Biblical lament, "Ichabod, the glory is departed."

## HOW TO PREVENT WAR AND STOP INFLATION

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The President says this reckless spending is necessary to achieve peace and security in a free world. Are you satisfied with that explanation? If not, ask yourself the three following questions:

First. Is peace and security the sole objective of this mad spending spree?

Second. Have the pseudo economists of the New Deal-Fair Deal made such

a mess of our economy that they must promote war, and production for war, to keep our economy going?

Third. Is this all part of a diabolical international conspiracy to drain away our wealth and replace our system of government with a socialistic, totalitarian state?

Common sense dictates that the way to prevent wars and depressions and stop inflation is to eliminate the causes. Every war is, in essence, an economic war. The underlying causes of wars and depressions, booms and busts, inflation and deflation are *unsound monetary and fiscal policies of government.*

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and bring them under the folds of the iron curtain. Then it suddenly dawned upon straight-thinking Americans, to what extent western civilization might be jeopardized if this should happen.

A little reasoning will show us why Russia did not strike the Arab countries — Iran, Iraq, Arabia, Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Egypt ... like she had previously struck Poland, Latvia, Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, Estonia, Bulgaria, Albania, Hungary and Eastern Germany.

The reason Russia did not dare attempt an invasion of the Near East, when the time seemed so propitious, was the fact that she had never been able to organize branches of the Communist Party in the Arab countries — sufficiently strong to produce internal revolt and to assure the existence of satisfactory puppet governments.

Why has she failed among the Arabs, while succeeding among the Poles, the Czechs, the Bulgarians and the Hungarians?

The answer can be stated in one word. And that word is "Islam." The followers of Mohammed, by the very hardness of their faith, are standing like a wall, like a dike against the onrushing tide of international atheism.

Granted that their faith is not like our faith. Yet they do believe in the existence of a supreme being and the power of the supernatural. And this faith is sufficient to create a climate in which atheistic Communism cannot operate.

Except for the religious convictions of Arabic peoples in the Near East, Moscow would today control that part of the world like she does, red China.

It is nothing short of a religious paradox that the Christian nations of the west should owe such a debt of gratitude to the followers of Mohammed, in the present international crisis. No other conclusion can be reached, if one wishes to make an honest appraisal.

Make no mistake about it, Russia has made a strong bid for support in the Near East. The men of the Kremlin would be willing to take any risk that might promise to pay off. But Islam stands in the way.

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The Arab looks at his soil and finds it to be rich in natural resources. So he feels entitled to something more than a horse, a goat, and a gun. To realize these objectives, he feels that he must revolt against imperialism and exploitation from the outside. In the language of Colonel Lawrence, there is a revolt in the desert.

Communism could be expected, ordinarily, to flourish under such conditions. The trend of events would appear to be a natural for red propaganda.

We are reminded of a statement in Stalin's book of lectures on Leninism. This is what he said: "One of the chief indirect reserves for the Communist revolution is antagonism, conflicts and wars."

And yet he has failed to make any considerable progress in the Near East. Why? Simply because Arabs know that Communism would tear down their mosques.

The present hour finds these people entering upon a new renaissance. New forces are being quickened among them. They would like to look toward the west for guidance. It will be the ultimate in assinnity, if we treat them with indifference. If we spurn them now, we will live to regret it. They need us. We need them.

Remember there are more than four-hundred million of these people, so placed geographically, as to insulate the nations of the west against Russian aggression through the Near East. Try to imagine what would happen if these people were ever brought into the Moscow orbit. The tragedy of a red china would fade in comparison.

Congressman Ed Gossett of Texas had this in mind when he said in a speech before the House of Representatives (and I quote): "Americans should covet the friendship and understanding of these ancient and honorable people. We need to recapture the friendship of four hundred million Moslems. If we do, it may prove the deciding factor in preserving world peace." (end of quotation)

The Egyptian ambassador to the United States said these words in a recent address delivered at Princeton

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University: "The people of the Near East are anxious to encourage closer cooperation with the western democracies."

Then he added this note of warning: "They are naturally opposed to Communism, but owing to their disappointment in the Western policy, they are moving in the direction of neutrality in the conflict between East and West." (end of quotation)

Leaders of the international atheist movement shudder at the thought of Christians of the West and Moslems of the East adopting a rational policy of standing together against their common foe.

Such a program could very well see the end of the whole Communist conspiracy. The forces of atheism could never hope to resist such pressure. This brings to mind the old adage that, "In union there is strength."

Of course there can be no "union," or blending of religious belief, between the Christian and the Mohammedan. But there can be mutual respect. The image of God, marred by sin, is stamped on the countenance of both. They should hold each other in esteem and reciprocate a respectful attitude.

Any intelligent effort to save civilization from further inroads of red atheism must start at a deeper level than economic and military assistance. The spiritual aspect of the problem is of transcendent importance. Only a religious crusade will salvage the wreck. God will have to move in upon the scenes, or all that man has built will be obliterated.

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A theological gap, as wide as the Grand Canyon, separates Christianity and Islam. But both systems face the same enemy, and should therefore be willing to cooperate at that point, and stand unitedly.

I wish to remark that Christian missionaries testify to some degree of success in soul-winning work among the Moslems. There are a great many Arab Christians.

Islam professes respect for the person of Jesus Christ, and this provides entree for the missionary.

Mohammed announced himself as the prophet of the one true God. Numerous references to Hebrew and Christian traditions leave no doubt regarding his indebtedness to these faiths. For a time he allied himself with Christians. Zoroastrianism also helped mold his thinking. Whatever passed through the crucible of his experience came forth transformed.

The Moslem faith rests first of all, in the basic conviction of one God and no other. Allah is addressed in prayer by 99 names, and his attributes include all-seeing, all-hearing, all-speaking, all-knowing, all-willing, all-powerful. He is loving, compassionate, forgiving yet stern in punishment and arbitrary in purpose.

Associated with God are angels who support his throne, guard hell, and serve as intermediaries. But the system lacks a knowledge of Christ's position as Saviour of lost mankind.

Dr. Fred Goodsell, who labored for many years as a missionary in Turkey, has this to say, in one of his books: "As we seek to confront Moslems with Jesus Christ, we must rely upon the

dynamic fascination of radiant, Christ-like living. This is the one, single, invincible thing about our Christian faith.

"It is more subtle than reasoned argument, more persuasive than an educational enterprise, and more effective than any amount of formal religious education."

Finally, I wish to quote a few words from the pen of Dr. Samuel Zwemer, who devoted more than 40 years to the cause of Christian missions in the Near East: "I am convinced that the nearest way to the Moslem heart is the way of God's love. Christian love is spontaneous, overflowing, without respect of persons, and seldom fails to quicken a response in others."

I leave it with you, friends of the listening audience. The forces of international atheism are bent on destroying civilization as we know it. This imposes a special responsibility upon all religious adherents. If they are wise, they will stand together. United we stand. Divided we fall.

And now, I ask you to bear in mind, that the Defender Hour is supported solely by free-will offerings from members of the listening audience. Your contribution, large or small, will be thankfully received and promptly acknowledged.

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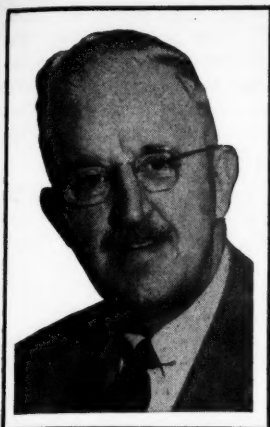
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# NO INSPIRATION? NO SALVATION!

*Sermon Of The Month*

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*"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:20-21.*

WITHOUT divine inspiration, it is impossible to be saved. Without divine inspiration, men could not have written the Bible. Without divine inspiration, men cannot understand it.

Inspiration influenced the writers of the Scriptures so that they were qualified to communicate truth without error. "Holy men of God spake as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit."

## THE HOLY BIBLE

The Bible is the living Word of the living God. All other books are human. The Bible is divine. Human books have a time to be born, a time to be fondled, a time to grow in strength; they have a middle life of usefulness, then comes old age; they totter and die. Many books are preserved only for their artistic binding.

Libraries are frequently cemeteries of dead books. Nearly all are out of date. The questions they discussed, the wrongs which they fought, have ceased to exist. Man made books change with the times. Old books on morals become outmoded. Books on history have to be revised and corrected. The books of poetry, linked with mythologies, are returning to the earth. "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

But not so with the Bible. It started in the world's infancy. It grew under theocracy and monarchy. It grew under prophet's mantle and fisherman's coat. It withstood storms and fire.

Tyranny issued edicts against it. Infidelity stuck out the tongue at it. False religions hurled anathemas, but the grand old and ever fresh Book lived on.

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This blessed Book, packed full of truth, will continue to live and glow until all thrones are gathered into one throne, until all crowns are melted into one crown.

## GOD WROTE THE BIBLE

I will not ask you to waste time studying the five major theories of inspiration. I will merely mention them.

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(2) Verbal inspiration which extends the inspiration to every word.

(3) Moral inspiration which limits inspiration and consequent authoritativeness to the moral and religious instruction that the writings contain.

(4) Mechanical inspiration by which the writers simply became secretaries of the Holy Spirit to write His dictation.

(5) Dynamic inspiration which caused the writers to be moved by the Holy Spirit operating on and through their natural faculties.

My argument is this: Railroad companies construct roads, manufacture equipment and issue tickets which entitle me to make the desired journey between two places. Then they issue a book containing the necessary information, known as a timetable.

When I receive the timetable, do I begin to formulate theories about how it came to be written? Do I try to figure out whether the president of the railroad company, or the vice-president, wrote it? Or, whether it was brought into existence by plenary, verbal, moral, mechanical or dynamic inspiration?

No! I simply take the timetable, and put it to use, saying to myself, "The company issued this document; I believe it — every word in it. I see my train leaves at a certain time." Now, it is just as simple as that, with regard to the Bible and our journey from earth to heaven.

God has given us an inspired Book with all instructions needed for our journey. How foolish it would be to listen to anyone concerning that journey, who used anything other than the divine timetable!

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him

not into your house, neither bid him God speed." II John, verse 10.

The original Bible was written by God — every word. I am not speaking about the different translations, but rather, the original text.

No matter whether the recorded words were spoken by Christ, the Holy Spirit, prophets, priests, kings, the evangelists, Satan, demons or sinners; all were gathered under inspiration and placed in the Word for our benefit.

Don't let the evil forces burglarize any portion of your Bible! Nothing must be added, or taken away, by any human being. If some presumptive person undertakes to do so, he will bring upon himself the wrath of God. "If any man shall add . . . if any man shall take away . . . God shall take away his part out of the book of life." Revelation 22:18-19.

### A POPULAR BOOK

Can you doubt the authenticity of the Scriptures?

There is not so much evidence that Walter Scott wrote the "Lady of the Lake," or that Shakespeare wrote "Hamlet," or that Milton wrote "Paradise Lost" — as there is evidence that God wrote the Bible.

Suppose a book should be written in modern times by bad men or imposters, that came into conflict with a great many things. How long would it stand?

But, look at this Book — the friend of all that is good, the sworn enemy of all that is bad; a Gospel ship with wickedness roaring around stem and

stern and mutiny on deck, having experienced a long, difficult voyage, but as seaworthy as when it first put out from the shores of heaven.

This Book cannot be destroyed. There is nothing in it to destroy. Men can't destroy truth. They can't destroy purity, honesty, love. The more they try, the more these virtues multiply.

When organized opposition began its attempt at destruction of the Word, there were about three thousand copies. Now there are no less than a thousand million. Recently a man took a Bible into a pawn shop in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and got a loan of five dollars on it. God's Book is popular everywhere.

### PROOF OF INSPIRATION

Do you want proof of inspiration. I could give a hundred, yea, a thousand arguments, every one valid. Let us dwell on just one — the first coming of Christ. That's history. It has already taken place.

Isaiah wrote 742 years before the event occurred: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14. When the period of time expired, Mary, a young virgin, gave birth to a Son whom they called Emmanuel. Matthew 1:23.

Micah wrote 710 years before it took place, that this birth would occur in the small city of Bethlehem. Micah 5:2. When the years elapsed, Christ was born in this very village. Luke 2:4-7.

Isaiah wrote that the Saviour would have poor parents and live with common people. No man by human wisdom alone could have known such a thing so far in advance. "Butter and honey shall he eat." Isaiah 7:15. Thus indicating the plainness and simplicity of our Lord's home life. Joseph was a carpenter.

One thousand years before it happened, David foretold what would be Christ's last words on the Cross, Psalm 22:1, and how His persecutors would

offer Him vinegar to drink in death. Psalm 69:21. The fulfillment of this amazing prophecy is recorded in Matthew 27:46-48. At the end of the 1,000 years, He was born, crucified and felt the vinegary sponge pressed to His lips.

Why go further? There were 196 signs prophesied concerning His first coming. Every one came to pass. Some were made as long as four thousand years before fulfillment. No other book can boast such a record.

### HELP TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

This is one Book you do not need to have a dictionary or be a college student to understand. The doctrines are stated in a forthright, plain manner. The plan of salvation, showing man as a lost sinner and Christ as Saviour, is portrayed in a way that a child can grasp.

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If help is desired for witnessing to the unsaved, the Holy Spirit will enable you to understand and remember the right Scriptures at the right time. If you are willing! "But the Comforter . . . shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance." John 14:26.

If you want to point out to lost loved ones and friends the nearness of Christ's return and how the prophecies are being fulfilled, "The Spirit will shew you things to come." John 16:13. No other book enjoys such heavenly connections.

The Bible opens with "The earth was without form, and void," and closes with "I saw a new (freshly remade) earth." And it tells humans all they need to know to properly regulate their lives between those two points.

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Put the Bible in the hand of a man concerned with his soul, and it will soon be well with that soul. Put it in the hands of those in trouble, and a heavenly calm will overtake them.

Put the Bible in the home and it will build character among members of that family. Parents will become kind and patient, children polite and obedient. Domestic sorrow lessens, joys increase, where this Book is welcomed. Darkness and uncertainty flee away.

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## A LETTER TO MR. NOVIKOV

*The following exchange of letters between Y. Novikov of the Soviet Embassy at Washington . . . and Rev. Robert Lowell Stone, pastor of the Norwood Presbyterian Church of Chicago, is self-explanatory.*

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Dear Sir: We are mailing you a few sample copies of the U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin for 1951 and will also send you a current issue or so.

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Sincerely,

Y. Novikov.

### PASTOR STONE'S REPLY

My Dear Brother Novikov: Thank you for your kind offer to supply me with information relative to the Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics. It will be necessary, however, for me to decline. It was our great Abraham Lincoln who said: "What you are speaks so loud that I can't hear a word that you say." The peaceful policies of

your government smell strongly of the Trojan horse.

My first reason for refusing your literature is that I am a Christian pastor . . . When the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics opens its doors to the free dissemination of the Christian Gospel, then I as a clergyman shall be willing to consider the possibility of discussing Russian peace aims.

My second reason for refusing your literature is that I am an American. I could not, even under torture, repeat the oath of Philip Nolan, the traitor, "God damn the United States." Rather, I take pride in singing "God Bless America." My love for my Nation prompted me to serve in World War II as a Navy chaplain. I joined forces, in the final stages of the war, with your men. Never did I, however, chance to meet a Russian chaplain. From your own countrymen I learned that you had no Christian chaplains, your government had closed their churches, slaughtered their families, and banned them from their profession. In America the love of God is encouraged by the Nation we love.

My third reason stems from something very close to my heart. Your peaceful policies are personally known to me. Look at your work in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and in Rumania. A member of our family wrote from Russian-occupied territory a year ago that your soldiers had entered his village, raped the women, desecrated the church, confiscated the money, blinded him, and enslaved the more able-bodied youth. He wrote: "We have nothing left to live for but days." Is this your great movement for a lasting peace?

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Think of it, if you will. After nearly two thousand years of missionary work and evangelism, there are still 1,789 languages into which the Word of God has never been translated. And what does the Apostle Paul say? "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." "How shall they believe except they hear?" But how can they hear if they do not have God's Word?

It has been found that there are still over 1,000 tribes without the Gospel. Moreover, these tribes have been located. We know where they are. I want you to think of them, if you will, as I mention their location, and remember, no missionary is working among these people. They do not have the Word of God. As a matter of fact, they have never even heard the name of Jesus.

There are 350 such tribes in Africa — tribes that have still to be reached. In South America there are 300 tribes. Most of them are Indians. There are 100 tribes in India. In Siberia we have found 75 tribes.

Then in China, French Indo-China and the Philippine Islands there are another 175 tribes, or more. Hence, at least 1,000 tribes are still waiting in darkness and midnight gloom for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Brazil alone there are 1,500,000 pure blood Indians and more than 100 tribes waiting to be evangelized. Bolivia has almost 1,000,000 pure blood Indians. Peru has an Indian population

of 2,500,000. In Colombia there are 100,000 Indians, mostly in a savage and primitive condition. There are also 500,000 highland Indians in a semi-civilized state.

But how are they to be reached? Only by the young people of our Churches, our Bible Schools and our Seminaries. It is the young who can go. Movements like Inter-Varsity Fellowship and Youth for Christ must challenge them. Mission Boards everywhere are pleading for workers.

That is why I recently toured Great Britain and appealed to the young people there, until 948 of them responded. That is why I have gone all over the United States and Canada. "The labourers are few." We must have more. That is why I am giving myself first and foremost to missionary work. The world must be evangelized.

Our only hope is in the young people. Unless they go, the job will never be done for no one else can do it. God is calling the young. The youth must respond.

Let us remember that practically all

the disciples were young men. Jesus chose them in their youth. They had their lives before them to be lived for God. May we, too, accept the challenge. May we give our best. God had an only Son and He made Him a missionary. Can we do less?

### THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS

I would like to challenge three different groups. First of all, the send-ers, then the pray-ers, and last but not least, the go-ers. All three are necessary.

Someone must send; money is necessary. There are those who will have to hold the ropes at home. And if you, my friend, cannot go, then perhaps God wants you to be a send-er and to see that another goes in your place. Your part is to earn money and make it possible for someone else to go. And remember, you will share equally in the reward.

Then there are the pray-ers. It may be that you cannot earn money and that you only have sufficient for your own needs. You may never be able to send another; but you can be a pray-er.

You can spend a little time in Africa, and India, and China, each day. You can get a list of missionaries and pray for them. That may be your responsibility, and if it is, woe betide you if you shirk it. You, too, may win a reward by faithfully praying for those who have gone; thus you can have a share in their work.

Then, of course, there are the go-ers. If you are healthy and strong, if you have or can get the necessary training, and if you are prepared, you can go. The urge will come upon you as you pray about your life's work and you will soon know if God is calling.

I challenge you to the greatest work in the world. I appeal to you to go if you can. There is nothing like it. Missionaries are God's aristocrats. They are the aristocracy of the Church. You will be associating with the finest people on earth.

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A NEW phenomenon has developed at the Nation's Capital during recent months, around the person of United States Senator Joseph McCarthy. Reactions to his exposures of traitors in Government have become automatic.

He takes the floor of the Senate and denounces some enemy, prominent in public life. Observers know exactly what to expect. The routine has been repeated so often that it threatens to become monotonous.

The Senator makes a speech. The person he exposes screams, "Liar, I'm going to sue him."

The left-wing press (Washington Post, Chicago Sun, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Milwaukee Journal, Communist Daily Worker, et al) editorializes: "Garbage, loud-mouthed, irresponsible, burlesque, mad man, wild charges, demagogic attack, foul, filthy, fascist, nazi, mud slinging, character assassination, etc."

Drew Pearson, Stewart Alsop, Marquis Childs and other columnists unlimber their guns and go into action.

Then a leftist Senator or Representative rises and solemnly proclaims that the gentleman from Wisconsin is mistaken ... and that the man in question is a loyal American, cleared by some investigative board or bureau.

A few days or weeks pass, and Senator McCarthy's charges are proved true. Thereupon the person exposed is forced to resign. In some instances, those whom he has denounced have been arrested and sent to jail. So far, with-

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out a single exception, the facts, when allowed to speak, have supported the Senator.

THE GENTLEMAN from Wisconsin made the most daring, dramatic and dynamic speech of his career on June 14, 1951, when ... as he says: "I reviewed the public career of General George Marshall from the beginning of World War II, before the United States Senate. It was an exhaustive review, running 72,000 words, drawn from the acknowledged sources of this period."

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## LESSON NUMBER ONE

March 16, 1952

### TIMOTHY, A LOYAL HELPER

Acts 16:1-3; I Cor. 4:14-21;  
I Tim. 4:10-16; II Tim. 2:1-13

**MEMORY TEXT:** "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them." I Timothy 4:15.

#### (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "FAITHFUL."

Paul once referred to Timothy as "my dearly beloved son." (II Timothy 1:2) They met at Lystra on the occasion of the Apostle's first visit to the city. (Acts 16:1) It appears by comparing Acts 14:6 and II Timothy 1:5, that this crossing of paths marked the date of Timothy's conversion.

But no mention is made of the younger man until Paul's second missionary visit to Lystra — at which time Timothy was enrolled as a traveling companion and helper. This was the beginning of a long, profitable and unblemished friendship.

After years of toil and tears, winning converts and establishing churches, we find Paul facing a martyr's death in Rome . . . writing a letter to his friend, making certain requests. (II Timothy 4:9, 13, 21) It is not known whether Timothy was able to comply, although some have seen in Hebrews 13:23 an indication that he shared Paul's imprisonment.

According to tradition, Timothy served as bishop of Ephesus until the end of his days, and suffered martyrdom during the reign of Domitian.

Timothy's extraordinary career as a friend of Paul and servant of Christ, is a tribute to pious family influences. As a boy, he was instructed in the Old Testament Scriptures by a godly

mother and grandmother. (II Timothy 1:5) Qualities of character were instilled into his developing personality, which stood him well in later years.

Without this background, he could never have discharged the arduous duties of apostleship. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) Timothy's life is a testimony to *Christian faithfulness*. He was faithful to himself, his family, his friends, his Lord and the Gospel.

#### (2) THE KEY VERSE IS I TIMOTHY 4:16.

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

We should take these words home to ourselves. They apply not only to Pastors of Churches . . . because, in a broad sense, it is incumbent upon every professed Christian to be a faithful witness, a soul winner.

"Take heed unto thyself," in matters pertaining to personal belief and conduct. Live an exemplary life. "Unto doctrine," being sure of firm anchorage in the eternal truths of the Gospel. "Save thyself and them that hear thee," thereby becoming equipped for the greatest of all tasks, namely bringing others to Christ.

#### (3) THE KEY FACT: CHRISTIAN PROFESSION PRESUPPOSES DISCIPLINE.

Paul's admonition to Timothy emphasized the importance of him being "an example in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." The believer in whose soul Christ has been formed, will want to be temperate in all things. The Gospel is the greatest character building force in the world. It produces better lives, homes and communities.

John G. Wooley, the noted reformer and enemy of the liquor traffic, was a redeemed drunkard. One of his favorite phrases, used before audiences in delivering lectures, was "Gospel temperance." He discriminated between mere education, involving the changing of a man's intellectual viewpoint . . . and the dynamics of personal salvation. *A saved man is a temperate man!*

## LESSON NUMBER TWO

March 23, 1952

### GOSPEL WORK IN MACEDONIA

Acts 16:6-40

**MEMORY TEXT:** "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31.

#### (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "SPIRIT."

Today's lesson opens in the year 50 A.D. with Paul and Silas on a small island (Troas) in western Asia . . . making plans to return east, "but the Spirit suffered them not." Twice they started to leave, only to be checked both times.

The explanation came in the form of a vision. Paul went to sleep with the roar of the waves reaching his ears. During the night, he saw a man on the opposite banks of the Aegean Sea, with arms outstretched calling, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." No time was lost in heeding the divine summons. The missionaries made a complete turn-about-face.

This was the pivot on which Paul's second missionary journey turned, and the result was an eventual revision of the map of Europe. Had he *not* come west with the Gospel, our part of the world would probably be wrapped in pagan darkness today. The miracle of

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Let it be noted that Paul and Silas enjoyed a Spirit-directed ministry. This reminds us that the third Person of the eternal Trinity is personally and tenderly concerned with the affairs of God's children.

There are still Macedonian calls — fields white to harvest. Missionary work was never more difficult than today. New forces, unfriendly to the Gospel of Christ, are being quickened in many parts of the world.

Cue shudders to think, for instance, of China with her teeming millions, now being closed to missions. Christians at home and workers on the field need to seek that divine leadership and protecting care which was manifested at Troas.

### (2) THE KEY VERSE IS ACTS 16:40.

"And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia."

This occurred after Paul and Silas were beaten by local officials and consigned to prison, during which time an earthquake took place and a jailer was converted. Upon being released, they returned to the home of Lydia where they had been previously sheltered.

Women were relegated to inferior positions, little above animals, in ancient times. Christianity liberated womanhood. Lydia's conversion, baptism and later responsibilities in the Church at Philippi, symbolizes the new trend of enlightenment that entered society with the coming of the Gospel.

### (3) THE KEY FACT: CHRISTIANS SHOULD SEEK DIVINE GUIDANCE IN CONDUCTING THEIR AFFAIRS.

The Holy Spirit is a Person with whom conversation is possible, not a mere influence. (John 15:26) He has a mind, will and affections. (I Corinthians 2:10-11; 12:11) He performs personal acts. (Acts 8:29; Luke 12:12) He bestows gifts. (Ephesians 4:7-13)

The Holy Spirit is eternal. (Hebrews 9:14) He is everywhere. (Psalm 139:7-10) He has all power. (Romans 15:19) He possesses sovereign authority. (Acts 16:6-7) He knows all things. It is therefore safe to trust His guiding hand to open and close doors, to direct by supernatural intervention and through acts of providence. Hence we read in John 16:13, "He will guide you."

## LESSON NUMBER THREE

### March 30, 1952 LUKE, WRITER AND EVANGELIST

Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2; 16:6-10;  
28:1-10; Col. 4:14; II Tim. 4:11

**MEMORY TEXT:** "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

### (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "WRITE."

Our lesson for today is a virtual biography of Luke, the evangelist. The People's Bible Encyclopedia says he was of "Gentile origin." The historians Eusebius and Jerome identify him as a native of Antioch of Syria . . . and this is taken to imply Greek birth, education and culture.

Gentile ancestry is also inferred by the fact that when Paul lists his companions in Colossians, chapter four, he mentions Luke separately, not with those "of the circumcision." (Colossians 4:11) Moreover, the document that bears Luke's name was compiled from facts extant, "most surely believed among us," rather than first hand information as an associate with Christ and the disciples. Luke stands alone.

The earliest preaching of the Gospel consisted of summarizing information regarding our Lord's early history, miracles, death, burial and resurrection, with a few words of pointed application to the parties addressed.

Notes on these astonishing facts would naturally be taken and their digests put into circulation. Many fragmentary items were in existence which Luke collated, sifted and put into shape for publication. He was conscious of divine direction in performing these literary labors.

Thus, when he says "from the first," the phrase actually reads in the original text, "from above." The Greek word is *anōthen* — and is translated "from above" in John 3:31; 9:11; James 1:17; 3:15, 17. In no other New Testament passage is *anōthen* made to read "from the first." So, in Luke's writings, we have a definite example of inspiration making use of a man's prior knowledge and reasoning faculties.

The Jamieson, Fausset & Brown Commentary says that Theophilus, whom Luke addressed, "was likely chief magistrate of some city in Greece or Asia Minor."

That he also wrote the book of Acts and was with Paul at Troas and other places, is established by the appearance of the word "we" in Acts 16:10, 11. Tradition since the time of Gregory makes Luke a martyr but no details

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## (2) THE KEY VERSE IS COLLOSSIANS 4:14.

"Luke the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you."

When Luke first began to write, he said that his purpose was to put the facts "in order," or to arrange them "consecutively" — in contrast, probably, with the disjointed productions currently circulated. This approach reflects the attitude of a scientific mind.

Says Van Oosterzee in Lange's Commentary on Luke: "We recognize the physician by the minute accuracy with which he describes certain diseases, and find from other remarks that the physician was at the same time an excellent psychologist. 4:38; 22:43, 44, 51, may be cited as proofs of the former; while in 9:54-61; 18:34; 23:12; 24:41, we find significant hints of his insight into the mysteries of human nature."

## (3) THE KEY FACT: CHRISTIANS ARE EXPECTED TO "GO WITH THE GOSPEL."

Luke used the talents and knowledge that he possessed to the fullest possible extent for reaching his fellow men with the Gospel. He places before us a pattern for Christian service.

Our talents may seem *small*, but dedicated to Christ, they become *large*. The Master needs all kinds and classes of people to fit into His program. Peter was a rugged, unrefined person. Andrew was reserved and unostentatious. James was an enthusiast. John was tender and affectionate. Matthew was a businessman. Philip was a realist. Luke was a scholar. *There is work for everyone to do!*

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## LESSON NUMBER FOUR

April 6, 1952

### EARLY CHRISTIAN FRATERNITY

John 15:5-9; Phil. 2:12-17;  
Rom. 16:1-27; Col. 4:7-18

**MEMORY TEXT:** "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." John 15:9.

## (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "VINE."

Today's lesson reminds us that Christianity is an organism, rather than an organization. The thought of union in Christ, through the reception and manifestation of His life, is the basic fact to be considered.

A man is an organism, because all parts of his body are connected with life. His automobile is an organization, because its various parts are connected mechanically. There is a mechanical, external, organizational, denominational aspect to Christianity . . . but the *real* Church is Christ's mystical body, with which the believer becomes united through the new birth. Denominations have come into existence as a secondary cause.

Christ is the vine. Twice born believers are branches. Life connects the two. Sap, typifying the Holy Spirit, flows between the vine and the branch. When sap rises in the spring of the year, fruit appears quite naturally. Christians have the privilege of enjoying perpetual springtime. Their Lord wishes them to bring forth "much fruit." Paul mentions some of the fruits of the Spirit as being love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. (Galatians 5:22-23)

The relation of Christ to the disciple is therefore *vital*, rather than theological. Right intellectual concepts, or even mental assent to a sound doctrinal

statement, will not suffice. We are told that demons *believe!*

Christ is the life of the spiritual Kingdom. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 5:12)

## (2) THE KEY VERSE IS PHILIPPIANS 2:13.

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure."

Existence in Christ is predicated upon an inner work. The natural man is *not* by nature a partaker of eternal life. He must be internally reconstructed and fashioned according to a new moral pattern. This, the greatest of all miracles known to mankind, can be wrought only by the power of God. "It is God which worketh in you."

In-Christed man is not an evolution of a natural man. He is a *new* creature, the member of a new creation. Christianity does not polish human nature. It makes men over, rebuilding them from the inside out. Christianity is Christ . . . Christ in expression through the twice born soul.

The roots of the new man are pulled up, transplanted from the First Adam into the Second Adam. Men whose natures are thus changed, establish all new relationships and literally enter a different world. They come to love the things they once hated, and to hate the things they once loved.

## (3) THE KEY FACT: CHRISTIANS LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST.

The finest fraternal feelings of which men are capable, come to exist between members of the body of Christ. "God is love." His love in the heart of one Christian, quickens a similar attitude in the hearts of other Christians. This badge of fellowship is noted especially among members of the early Church, and should be more prominently displayed today.

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recorded in the sixteenth chapter of Romans. "Our sister, a servant of Christ." "My helpers in Christ Jesus." "My wellbeloved Epaenetus." "My beloved in the Lord." "Approved in Christ."

A spirit of true brotherliness and sympathetic understanding exists among true Christians, because they are members of the same body, partakers of the same life.

#### LESSON NUMBER FIVE

April 13, 1952

### THOMAS, AN HONEST DOUBTER

John 11:14-16; 14:1-6; 20:24-29

**MEMORY TEXT:** "And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God." John 20:28.

#### (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "THOMAS."

Our Scripture readings prove the Lord Jesus Christ to be victor over death, for both Himself and those who bear His name. We have before us two empty tombs — His own and that of Lazarus. These victories anticipate similar triumphs for all to whom resurrection life is imparted through supernatural regeneration.

The order of the Lord's appearances after His resurrection is, according to the accounts given in the four Gospels, as follows:

1. Resurrection Morning Events. (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-4; Luke 24:12; John 20:1-18).

The Women at the Tomb  
The Visit of the Angel  
Jesus Appears to the Women  
Peter and John at the Tomb  
Jesus Appears to Mary  
The Report of the Guard

2. Jesus Appears to Two Disciples on Emmaus Road (Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-35).

(Sunday Evening)

3. Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Upper Room (Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-25).

(Sunday night, Thomas absent)

4. Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Upper Room (John 20:26-29).

(Eight days later, Thomas present. This likely means the following Sunday night, as the orientals have a habit of counting the first and last day of a week)

5. Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples in Galilee (John 21:1-23).

6. Jesus Appears to the Apostles in Galilee. (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18)

7. The Ascension (Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53).

We should not be too severe with Thomas. He reflects the reasoning, investigative type of mind, an honest skeptic who wanted proof. This attitude is to be preferred above those who too often reach superficial conclusions and in a glib way accept what is told them, believing one thing today and something quite different tomorrow.

Let it be noted that he was willing, glad, happy to accept evidence when presented. Moreover, Thomas exercised faith in the end . . . because he did not touch the wounded hands and sides of the Master, but instead exclaimed: "My Lord and my God."

#### (2) THE KEY VERSE IS JOHN 14:2.

"I go to prepare a place for you."

The position of the believer is secure, based upon the authoritative word of the Eternal Son. The One who cannot falsify or exaggerate says heaven is a "place" and that children of God will dwell there. This is stated in language unmistakably clear and the assurance takes the sting out of death.

#### (3) THE KEY FACT: WE SHOULD RELY UPON FAITH RATHER THAN SIGHT.

There is a message of special meaning to us today in Christ's words to Thomas: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

We are denied visible sight of our Saviour, wearing a body of flesh . . . but we know He lives because of the testimony of others and the experienced relationship with Him which we enjoy. Our faith is of a higher quality than that required on mere physical levels.

Job saw Christ's resurrection and the triumph of the saints over death, centuries in advance of the Resurrection. Looking through the telescope of faith, he said:

"I know that my redeemer liveth, and that I shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another."

This faith lifted Job out of the ashes, into glorious victory. He was conscious of the Redeemer's presence. Christ, in His pre-existent state, appeared to Job. Hence the word "liveth" — present tense. Our Lord is an eternal Being. He *liveth* and we know, through faith that, *we shall live with Him.*

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